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THE DUDLEY P. ALLEN FUND

The following letter from Mrs. Dudley P. Allen expresses so admirably the facts connected with the bequest of Dr. Allen, that it is published in full, with the reply of President Sanders acknowledging its receipt.

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MAYFIELD ROAD
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Judge W. B. Sanders,
President Board of Trustees,
Cleveland Museum of Art.

My dear Judge Sanders:

It is my pleasure to inform you that Dr. Allen in his will left the sum of \$150,000 to the Cleveland Museum of Art. This sum is to be used for the purchase of Works of Art and is to be known as the Dudley P. Allen Fund.

"It is to be held in trust by the Cleveland Trust Co., the income to be paid annually to the Museum for a period of one hundred years, and as long thereafter as the institution shall efficiently and worthily carry out the purpose of its organization in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Cleveland Trust Co., whose judgment with respect thereto shall be conclusive."

This fund has to-day, September 24th, been deposited in trust with the Cleveland Trust Co., for the Cleveland Museum of Art.

I need not tell you how deep and sincere was Dr. Allen's interest in the development of the Cleveland Museum of Art, and I hope that this gift may be an evidence of his interest through all the years to come.

Very sincerely yours,
(Signed) Elisabeth S. Allen

Sept. 24th.

October 6, 1915.

Mrs. Dudley P. Allen,
Mayfield Road, Cleveland Heights
My dear Mrs. Allen:

The Trustees of the Cleveland Museum of Art sincerely appreciate the most generous provision made by the will of Dr. Allen, of which you advise me in your letter of the 24th ult.

The possession of the "Dudley P. Allen Fund" assures to the Museum not only the treasures of art which its income will provide, but will ever testify to the unselfish devotion of one of its first

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trustees, whose rare taste and intelligent zeal in establishing the Museum was at all times an inspiration to his associates. It is indeed an inspiring thought to think that the good which Dr. Allen has done in this and his many other public benefactions will continue to educate and profit and give pleasure to generations yet unborn.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Wm. B. Sanders,
President, Cleveland Museum of Art.

The establishment of this fund is but another evidence of Dr. Allen's keen interest in the Museum and his appreciation of the need of funds to be used in building up the collections. Because he understood Museum conditions well, he wisely placed no hampering restrictions upon his bequest. It will undoubtedly be the wish of the Trustees to use the income of the Allen fund, in so far as it is expedient, for the purchase of such works of decorative art as are likely to be of special value to the industries and craftsmen of Cleveland—a field in which Dr. Allen had hoped to see the Museum develop as rapidly as conditions permitted.

THE OPENING OF THE MUSEUM

This issue of the *Bulletin* has been delayed in the expectation that early in November the date for the opening of the Inaugural Exhibition could be announced. Delays in the completion of the building continue, however, and it is now probable that the installation work cannot begin before January. This will mean deferring the opening of the building, and announcement of the date must await another issue of the *Bulletin*.

A liberal fund has been subscribed by the Trustees and Councillors to provide adequately for the necessary expenses of a most impressive Inaugural Exhibition, for which definite plans are already under way. Several of the most important collectors in America have offered to lend treasured works of art for the Inaugural; and the preparations for the exhibition, and for the installation of the John Huntington collection and other objects already in possession of the Museum, are going forward actively.

The careful organization of the staff, and the complete facilities provided in the building for the efficient handling of art